The Thompson Sisters and Their Involvement in NAACP and CORE

The Thompson Sisters of New Orleans, LA were first a part of the New Orleans Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and eventually the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE). They participated in many sit ins and protests, most notably, the Freedom Rides of 1961 which tested the Interstate Commerce Law. Beaten, and sometimes mauled by crowds, these three sisters showed extreme courage as they helped desegregate the south during their high school and college careers.

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News Coverage and Documents

ALICE THOMPSON

n Hattiesburg, MS to Poplarville, MS on November 14, 1961

om New Orleans to McComb, MS on November 29, 1961

Documents Related to Freedom Rides

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- November 16, 1961 - Jackson, MS Clarion Ledger (with mention of Jean Thompson)
- November 30, 1961 - New York Times

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- November 30, 1961 - NC Dispatch (quote from Presbyterian deacon regarding integration in reference to McComb, MS incident)
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Jean Thompson

from Montgomery, AL to Jackson, MS on May 24, 1961

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- List of Charges

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- May 27, 1961 - New Orleans, LA Times Picayune
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SHIRLEY THOMPSON

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Documents Related to Freedom Ride

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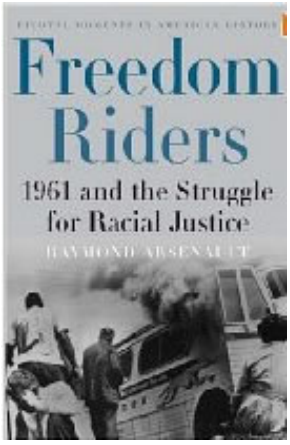

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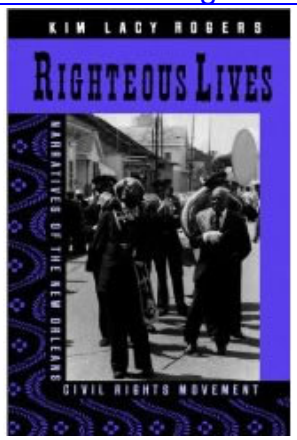

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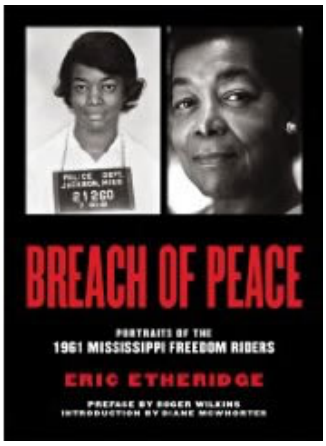

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